

#### **DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
PALM BEACH GARDENS REGULATORY OFFICE
4400 PGA BOULEVARD, SUITE 500
PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA 33410

Palm Beach Gardens Regulatory Office

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Permit Application No. SAJ-2004-6589(IP-KH) OCT 28 2004

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) as described below:

## APPLICANT:

Florida Department of Transportation, District Six c/o John Palenchar, District Permits Coordinator 1000 Northwest 111th Avenue, Room 6101 Miami, Florida 33172

WATERWAY & LOCATION: The project is located in the Atlantic Ocean along South Roosevelt Boulevard (S.R. A-1-A) from just east of Smathers Beach to S.R.5/U.S.1 in Sections 3 & 4, Township 68 South, Range 25 East, and in Section 34, Township 67 South, Range 25 East in Monroe County, Florida.

<u>DIRECTIONS</u> TO <u>SITE</u>: Follow S.R.5/U.S.1/Overseas Highway southwest from Florida City to the island of Key West. At the end of S.R.5/U.S.1/Overseas Highway, make first left at traffic light onto South Roosevelt Boulevard (SR A1A). This is the end of the project that extends west to Smathers Beach.

## LATITUDE & LONGITUDE:

Latitude 24° 33′ 09″ North Longitude 81° 45′ 35″ West

#### PROJECT PURPOSE:

Basic: The basic purpose of the project is to upgrade the existing road to meet current safety standards and improve traffic flow.

Overall: The overall purpose of the proposed project is to upgrade South Roosevelt Boulevard to meet safety design standards and to relieve traffic congestion.

PROPOSED WORK: The project consists of reconstructing South Roosevelt Boulevard from just east of Smathers Beach to the intersection of U.S. 1 involving the placement of approximately 687 cubic yards of fill in 0.176 acres of Waters of the United States and the dredging of 32 cubic yards of material from 0.011 acres of Waters of the United States. Road improvements include widening the roadway corridor to four lanes, constructing a 10' parking lane along the Atlantic Ocean side, improvements to the existing promenade, construction of sidewalks along the inland side of the corridor, adding a 10' center turning lane, constructing 1,176 linear feet of new seawall, and replacement of 388 linear feet of existing seawall. The new seawall section will consist of driven steel sheetpile with a concrete cap to be placed at the approximate toe of slope of the existing seawall section. The existing seawall (step wall) will remain in place and the area between the new seawall and the proposed edge of sidewalk/curb will be backfilled with rubble riprap for aesthetic value. The new seawall sections will connect to adjacent existing seawall sections, which will remain in place. For further details, see attached drawing numbers 1 - 19 dated 10/19/04. These drawings include only representative cross sections of the proposed project. The remainder of the drawings along with a complete set of project drawings is available for viewing at the Palm Beach Gardens Regulatory Office.

PROJECT HISTORY: A search of our records indicates that there is no prior Department of Army permit, or activity, found for this specific project.

EXISTING CONDITIONS: The proposed project is located on the southern shoreline of Key West in Monroe County. The project site occurs in the Atlantic Ocean and is located on the landward edge of extensive seagrass beds. The project site is dominated almost exclusively by shoal grass (Halodule wrightii) with occasional turtle grass (Thalassia testudinum). The proposed project includes the filling of 0.025 acres of seagrass beds (direct impacts) and indirect impacts to 0.023 acres of seagrass

(anticipated scouring from wave energy reflected from the proposed seawall). In addition, construction activities will result in 0.151 acres of impacts to mud bottom (bare bottom) habitat. The Corps' final determination on compensatory mitigation will be made after consultation with federal, state and local resource agencies.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: Portions of this project are located in waters accessible to the Endangered West Indian manatee (Trichechus manatus). The Corps of Engineers, based on review of available information, has determined that the proposed work may affect the West Indian manatee and result in an adverse modification to critical manatee habitat since the project involves impacts to seagrasses and modifications to existing culverts. Should the Corps issue this permit, manatee awareness signs shall be installed and the Standard Manatee Protection Construction Conditions will be added as a special condition of the permit. By separate letter, the Corps is seeking consultation on this determination with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. The Corps is not aware of any threatened or endangered species on the project site.

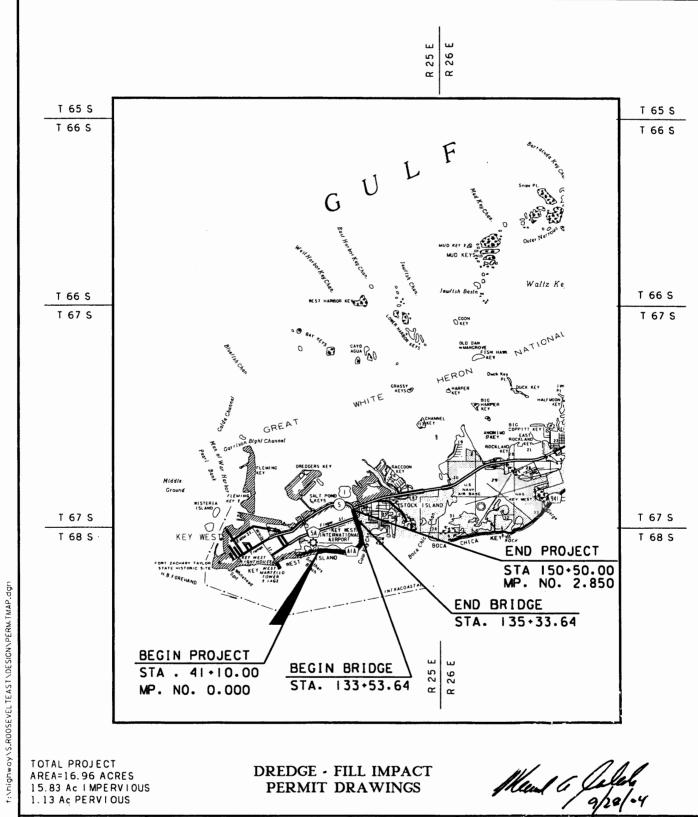
ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: This notice also initiates consultation on Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) as required by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Based on a seagrass study provided by the applicant, there are seagrasses at the project site including paddlegrass (Halophila decipiens) and turtle grass (Thalassia testudinum). The proposed project will impact by filling 0.025 acres (1,103 square feet) of seagrass and 0.15 acres (6,568 square feet) of mud, shell, sand and rock bottom both of which are designated as EFH for Federally managed fisheries and associated species as identified by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council. These species may include, but are not excluded to, red drum (Sciaenops ocellatus), grey snapper (Lutjanus griseus), lane snapper (Lutjanus synagris), gag grouper (Myctecoperca microlepis) and penaeid shrimp (Pinaeus spp.). Our initial determination is that the proposed action will have a substantial adverse impact on EFH.

NOTE: This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. The limits of Waters of the United States have been confirmed by staff members from the Corp's South Permits Branch, Palm Beach Gardens Regulatory office.

AUTHORIZATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES: A State Water Quality Certification/Permit will be required for this project. The South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD) Environmental Resource Permit application was submitted on January 28, 2004. The State ERP application number is 040129-9.

Comments regarding this application should be submitted in writing to the District Engineer at the above address within 30 days from the date of this notice.

If you have any questions concerning this application, you may contact Mr. Ken Huntington of the Palm Beach Gardens Office by telephone (561-472-3507), fax (561-626-6971) or by e-mail at kenneth.b.huntington@saj02.usace.army.mil.



SOUTH ROOSEVELT BOULEVARD - SR A1A

KEY WEST, MONROE COUNTY

LOCATION MAP

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TOWNSHIP 67S, 68S

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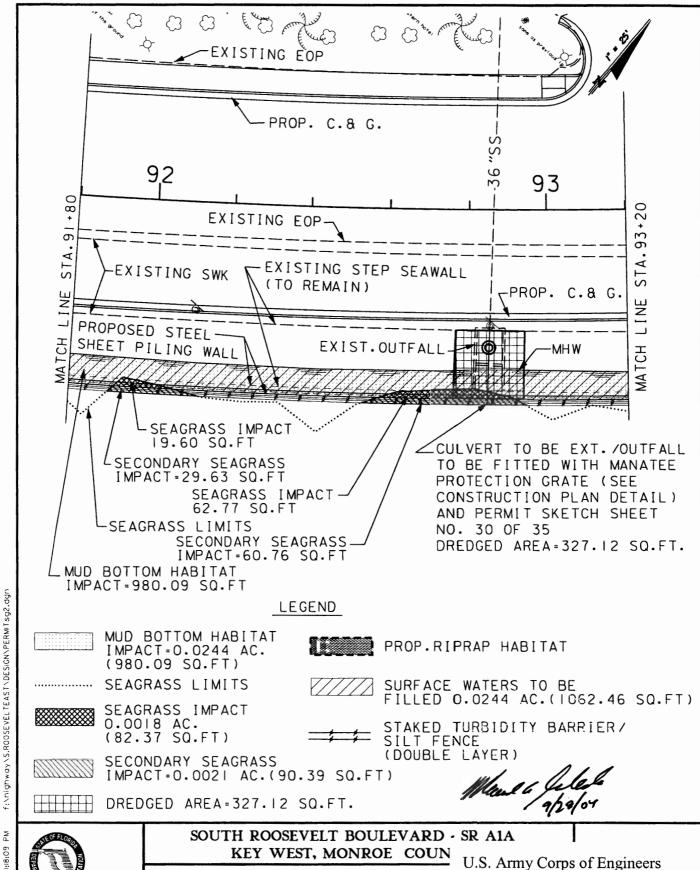
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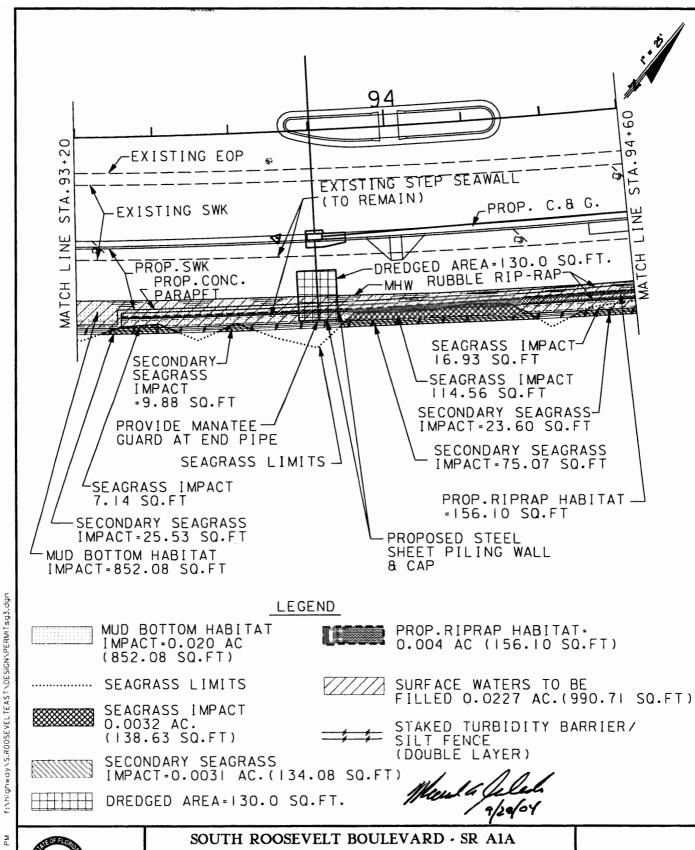
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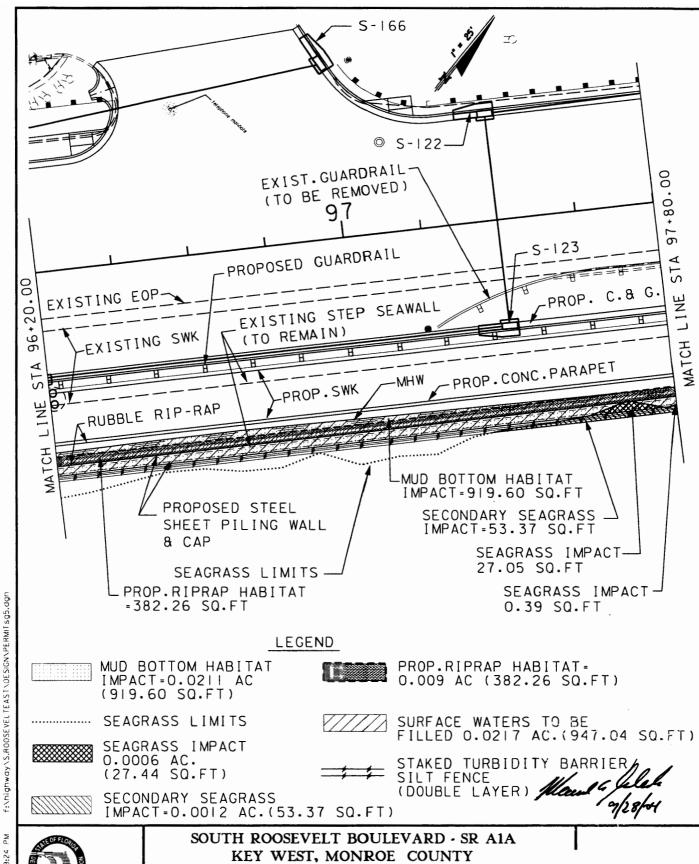
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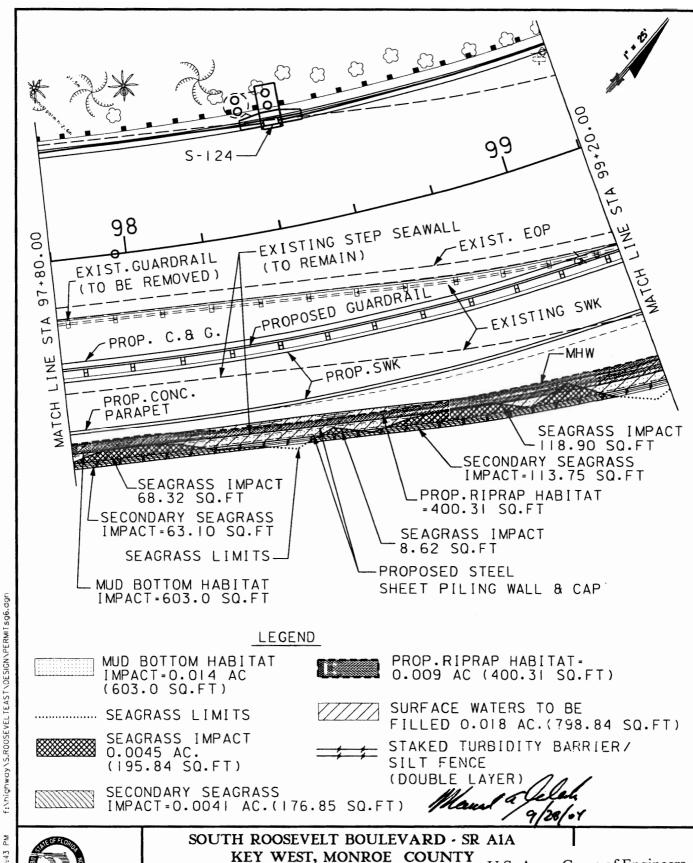
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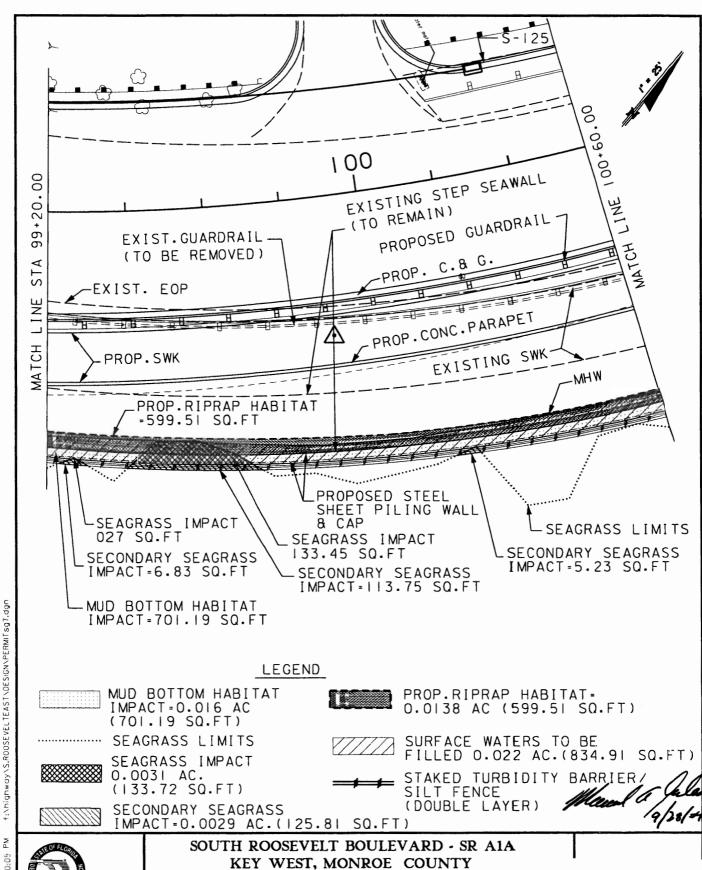
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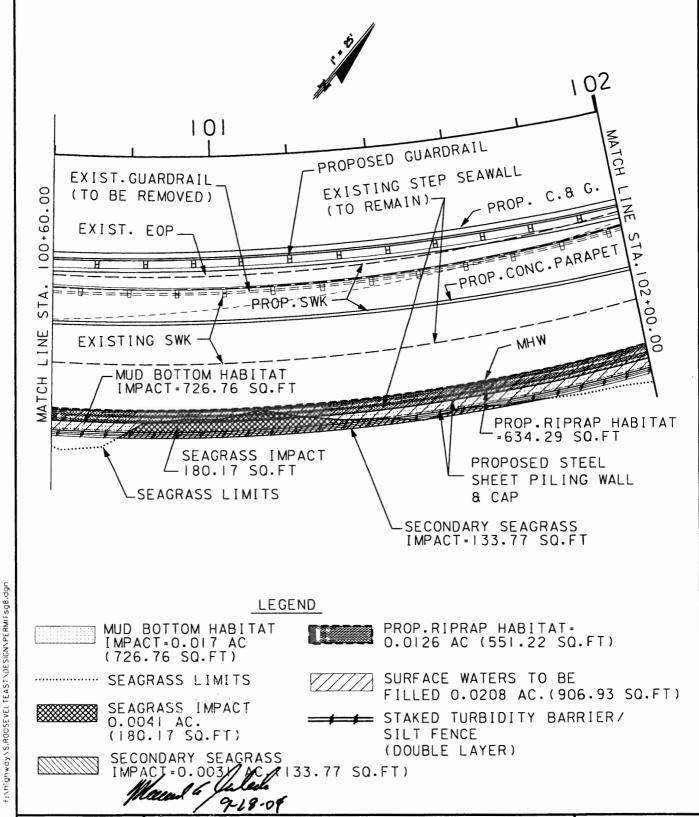
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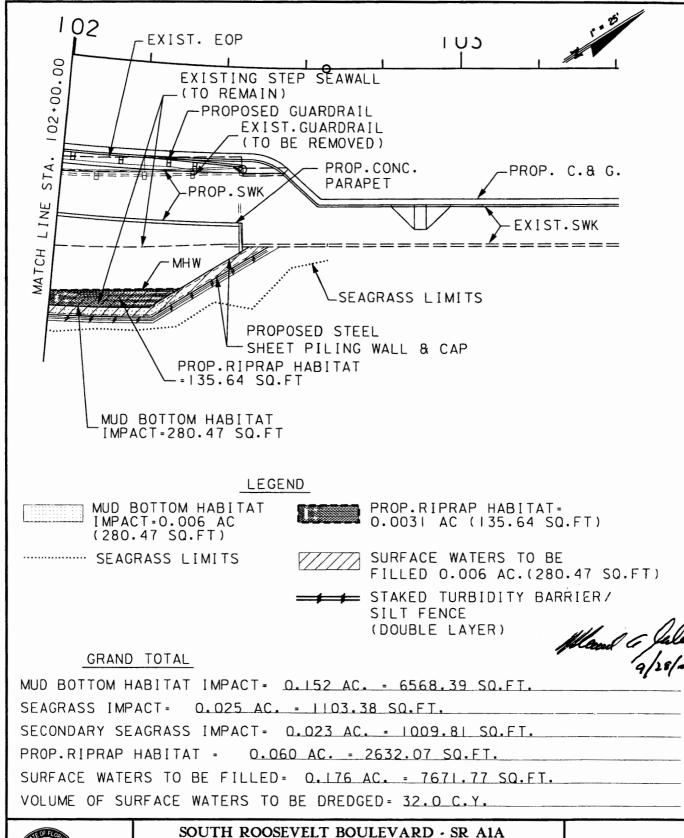
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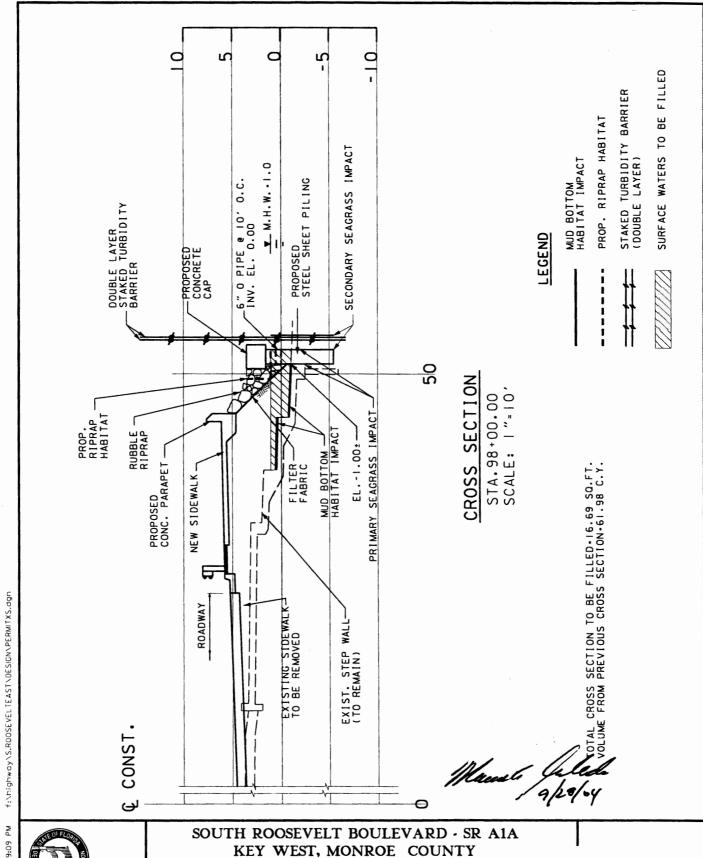
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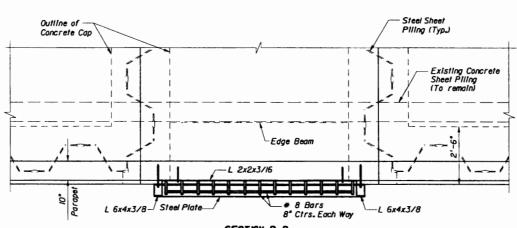
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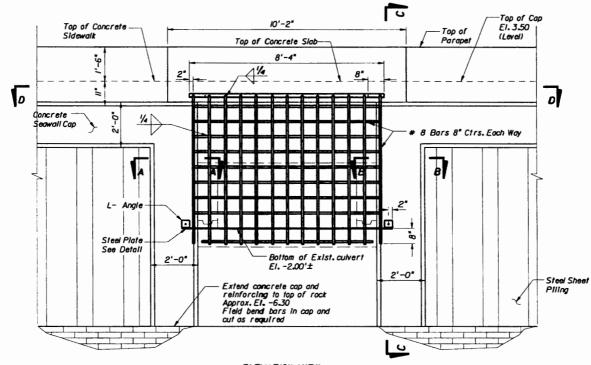
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SECTION D-D (Reinforcement not Shown)



#### ELEVATION VIEW

MOTE: i.- Contractor shall be careful not to damage existing culvert during construction.

3.- Grate shall be ASTM 572, Grade 50 steel, and galvanized In accordance with section 962-7 of the standard specifications.

2.- Steel Grate to be paid under Pay Item No. 415-16.

CULVERT EXT./MANATEE GRATE AT STA. 92+85.12

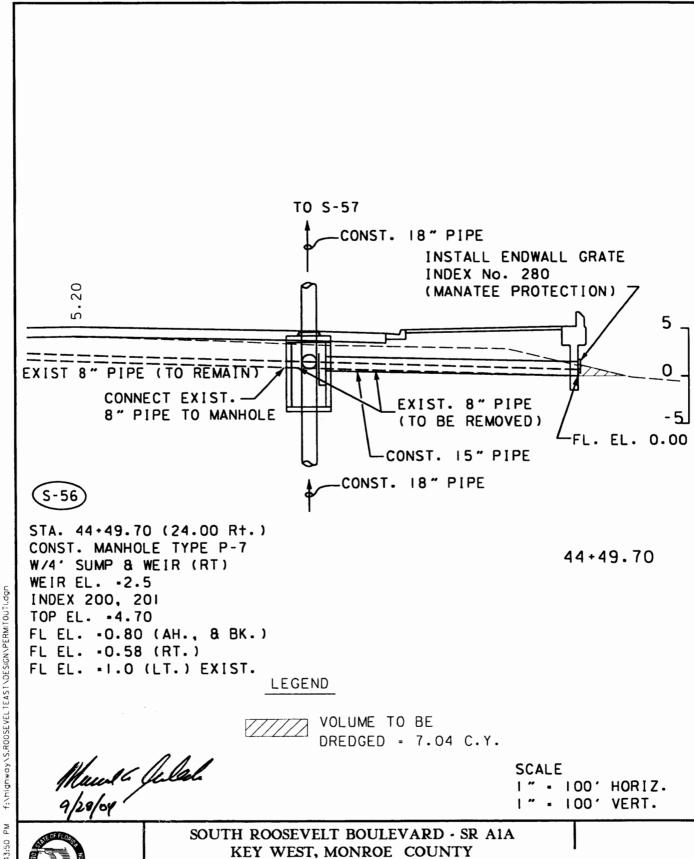


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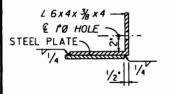
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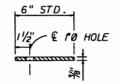
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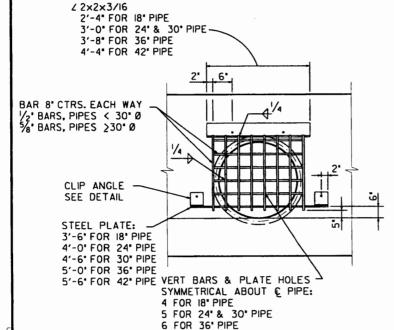
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CLIP DETAIL

SECTION - STEEL PLATE



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1/2" PVC PIPE SLEEVE -1/2" × 14" AMERICAN STD. BOLTS WITH NUT å VARIES STEEL PLATE ¾° Ø ANCHOR

> 61/2" MINIMUM IMBEDMENT: STANDARD HEX BOLT: CAST IN OR EPOXY GROUT IN 1/4" HOLE

> > CHEMICAL ANCHOR: INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANUFACTURERS RECOMENDATIONS

> > > SIDE VIEW

#### PROVIDE MANATEE GUARD AT EXIST. OUTFALL PIPES

52+508" DIA.
54+5415"
58+4515"
62+5015"
66+5515"
104+1512"
107+1012"
110+2012"
112+3012"
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# FRONT VIEW

GRATE (Ibs) 48 58 74 90 III

18' 24' 30' 36' 42'

NOTE: GUARDS TO BE CONSTRUCTED ONLY AT LOCATIONS SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR IN PLANS, GUARD, PLATE & CLIPS, BOLTS, NUTS AND SLEEVES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT UNTIL PRICE FOR ENDWALL GRATE, LB.

GUARD AT PIPE ENDS



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IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: Preliminary review of this application indicates that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required. Coordination with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Marine Fisheries Services, and other Federal, State, and local agencies, environmental groups, and concerned citizens generally yields pertinent environmental information that is instrumental in determining the impact the proposed action will have on the natural resources of the area. By means of this notice we are soliciting comments on the potential effects of the project on threatened or endangered species or their habitat.

**IMPACT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES:** Review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties, or properties listed as eligible or inclusion therein, are located at the site of the proposed work. Presently, unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished.

**EVALUATION:** The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including cumulative impacts thereof; among these are conservation, economics, esthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, EPA, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act of the criteria established under authority of Section 102(a) of the Marine, Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make or deny this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT CONSISTENCY: In Florida, the State approval constitutes compliance with the approved Coastal Zone Management Plan. In Puerto Rico, a Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence is required from the Puerto Rico Planning Board. In the Virgin Islands, the Department of Planning and Natural Resources permit constitutes compliance with approved Coastal Zone Management Plan.

**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:** Any person may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted in writing to the District Engineer within the designated comment period of the notice and must state the specific reasons for requesting the public hearing.

Chief, Regulatory Division